

Life Chakras

Inclinations & Disinclinations for Anne Macnaughtan
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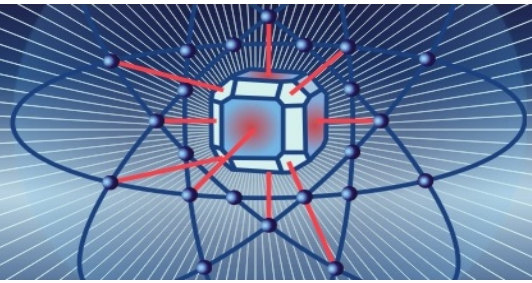
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Welcome to Life Chakras



Welcome to 'Life Chakras,' a view of the chakras or great centers of life-activity from an astrological perspective, as they relate to your particular birth chart. It is important to understand that although the chakras are often pictured as multi-colored force centers along the spinal column within the body, they are in actuality vast areas of life outside our physical self in which we live and move. For example, although the Jupiter Chakra within the body is sometimes shown as an orange-colored light in the lower spine, it in fact refers to our entire life path, our career, and how we find our way through the thicket of Saturn - all the nature laws and rules of the world. Each chakra is a whole world we get lost in for various lengths of time (or lifetimes), so keep that in mind. More in-depth details about each of the seven chakras and the other planetary force centers are given later in this report.

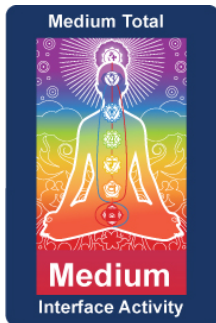
There has been a lot written about the chakras, but little of it is based on pure astrological and astronomical facts. The technique used here considers the very heart and skeleton of the solar system itself in relations to you, the exact inclinations and disinclinations of each planet to the orbits of the other planets. This research was first published by the author in the early 1970s in the book 'Interface: Planetary Nodes' and was recognized as valid by many of the most advanced technical astrologers of the time, veterans like Charles A. Jayne and Theodor Landscheidt. Here we are using an astronomical analysis of the nodal and skeletal structure of the entire solar system, reducing these points to a technique that can indicate our inclinations and disinclinations (likes and dislikes) in life. There are more technical details at the end of this report, for those who study astrology.

How This Relates to You

'Life Chakras' analysis can answer some very basic, but interesting, questions, such as: As a person, are you predominately up most of the time or the other way around? Do you say 'Yes' to life, or do you have some reservations and, if so, what are they? Are you inclined to work on career and have a strong life path? What areas of life are you naturally disinclined to, and have problems with? In other words, what parts of life do you naturally take to and where do you tend to shy away from or ignore?

There are many levels of astrology and every level has its purpose. I have studied astrology for some fifty years, and the 'Life Chakra' technique has as deep a core as any technique I have worked with, and I have worked with most of them. It is not about personalities and surface texture, but rather about heart essence, and it gets down to the nitty-gritty right off. I must warn that this technique is very frank. It does not mince words, but presents what actually is out there in the solar system itself, plain and unvarnished. When I first worked with it, I was shocked at how candid it is, but I soon found it was very reliable and hit the mark most of the time. Unlike many chakra-oriented techniques, this one is not at all abstract, but offers very down-to-earth comments on your native inclinations and disinclinations, so let's get to it.

Interface Points



12 Points: 6 Positive and 6 Negative

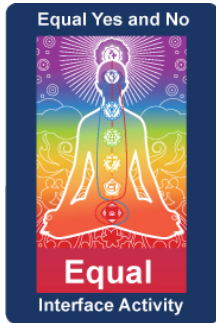
You can see above what percentage of your approach to life has to do with affinities or inclinations and what has to do with disinclinations, where you rub up against stuff. Keep in mind; these percentages say nothing about how many of these combinations you actually have. We covered that above.

What these percentages are about are, regardless of whether you have many or few, how positive or negative are they and, correspondingly, are you. Do you have more affinities in life or more areas where you are not inclined? That is the question we are looking at here.

More Than a Little Involved

You are more than just a little involved in life (and probably more opinionated than you know), for there are a good number of inclinations and disinclinations in your natal chart, some are even working at cross purposes to one another. Tendencies, antipathies, partialities, indifferences, predispositions - all of these take up your attention and time. Your mind probably never stops and you may well be occupied with your own likes and dislikes more than you are even aware of or would care to admit.

This level of involvement or distraction does not make for a mind that is always clear and steady, so I can't tell you that it will always be easy sailing in your case, but it probably won't be boring either. Given the opportunity, you no doubt tend to weigh in on this, that, and any other topic you are inclined or disinclined to. In other words, you are into what you do and don't like. Aside from this goodly amount of likes and dislikes, what perhaps is more important is the balance between the inclinations you have and what it is you are disinclined toward.



Are You a Yea or Naysayer?

50% Yea and 50% Nay

At any given time the planets moving through their orbits are naturally inclined to some planets, while disinclined to others. Their orbital planes dictate this. Much like when we reach a crossroad in a vehicle, we can look to the right or left down an avenue we are not traveling, so when a planet crosses the plane of another planet, they too share a common inclination for that time. Similarly, when a planet moves mostly out of plane with another planet, they are disinclined -disinclinations.

The sum total of all the inclinations add up to a positive approach (we are inclined or have affinities), while the total of our disinclinations point to just the reverse - what we are not inclined to do, what we don't like. Do we have more affinities or non-affinities, and if we do what are they? Overall, do we tend to say 'Yes' to life or 'No.'

There are several things to examine here, starting with: have you any inclinations or disinclinations in your chart at all? Are there more affinities or inclinations than disinclinations and, if so, are they many, few, or just about average and what does that mean for you? Let's take a look.

You Are Equally Positive and Disapproving

You have a perfect balance when it comes to inclinations and disinclinations, for they are equal in number. This is not to say that you have balanced opinions, but only to point out that you have a rough balance of affinities and not-so-affinities. They are divided equally.

Having a balance between the two is not equivalent to having no inclinations and disinclinations, as in neutral. It simply suggests that you are equally distracted between your likes and dislikes. But this does suggest that you are neither a great 'Yeasayer' nor 'Naysayer'. You are neither overly optimistic nor pessimistic. It may be important to look carefully at what your likes and dislikes actually are which we will do below."''''

Inclinations & Disinclinations

Your Inclinations and Disinclinations

Now you have a general idea of many inclinations and disinclinations make up your attitude, and whether that attitude is mostly positive or mostly negative, inclined or disinclined. Now let's look at each of your inclinations and disinclinations, one by one. These are listed in order of importance, which means that those near the top are much more precise and important for you to consider than those farther down the list. Check them out.

Mind is Not on Career



Your own thoughts and what you think may often be at cross-purposes with your career moves, how you go about making a living. You may have trouble seeking guidance and taking needed vocational advice.

(Jupiter Disinclined to Mercury)

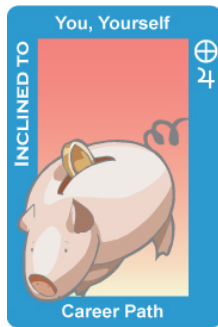
Urge to Conform



Your inner drive, whatever push that's in you tends to stay pretty much in the groove you're in, which at times may be a rut. It is hard for you to find the energy to experiment, be different, and get out of the box.

(Uranus Disinclined to Mars)

Self-Centered Career



Your career or life path may be overly wrapped up in your own self interests, much more than average. Success to you is not just about money, but has to include some recognition of you personally.

(Earth Inclined to Jupiter)

Career Evaluating or Appraising



Your life path, and probably this includes your career, are naturally inclined toward the more refined side of life, anything to do with beauty, the arts, everything that has value and can be appreciated. You may be very good at appraising anything with value.

(Venus Inclined to Jupiter)

Career Not of Words or Ideas



You may not be an anti-intellectual, but you probably don't go out of your way to get involved mentally that often. Your career and expressing yourself in words and fancy language just don't mix.

(Mercury Disinclined to Jupiter)

Great Problem Solver



You might consider taking up law, because when it comes to solving problems or just getting around the rules and regulations, you are a natural. Working with the law, whether that of humankind or nature's laws, is easy for you and probably part of your career makeup.

(Jupiter Inclined to Saturn)

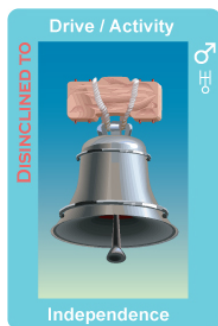
Independent Career



Matters of independence and freedom, whatever is unconventional, or just being different for difference sake, all of the above are part of your modus operandi, not only the way you do things, but probably part of your career path as well.

(Jupiter Inclined to Uranus)

Not Moved to Be Different



You are probably quite conventional, not because at heart this is the case, but rather because you just plain lack the energy or drive to do anything about it. You go along with the status quo for lack of any urgency to change it.

(Mars Disinclined to Uranus)

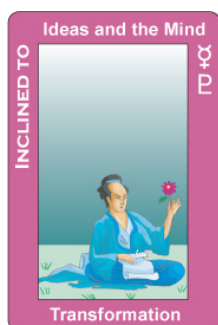
Spiritual Ideas of No Interest



Spiritual matters or even excessive flights of the imagination leave you speechless, meaning you tend not to want to talk about these things. Or for that matter, you tend not to think about this area of life all that much.

(Mercury Disinclined to Neptune)

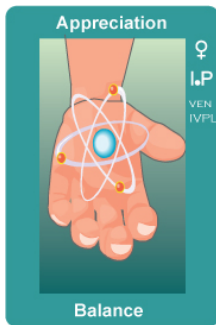
Use Words with Force



In-depth conversations, really getting to the heart of things, is something you naturally enjoy. In fact, the more penetrating and serious it gets, often the more talkative you get. You use the mind seriously.

(Mercury Inclined to Pluto)

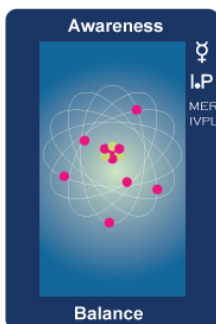
Natural Lover



A lover, an admirer of others and life, an appreciator of just about everyone and everything, this sense of what some might call venality is as natural to you as waves on an ocean. Don't even try to change. It is something like a mandate to enjoy.

(Venus Inclined to I-Plane)

Unstable Words and Ideas



"Your wit and mind may not be as stable as you might wish and you may find thinking tough at times or feel that you are tilting at mental windmills from time to time."

(Mercury Disinclined to I-Plane)

Personal Chakra Order



So far we have looked at the Interface points for your chart, planet by planet, starting with the most important and working down the tree. It remains for us now to look at the overall chakra tree itself to see which of the chakras receives the most activity by planetary and activation, since this points to areas of your life where you can expect to be most involved.

The seven chakras are usually displayed along a diagram of the human spine, starting from the Saturn or Muladhara Chakra and moving up the spinal column to the Crown Chakra at the top of the head. Seven are usually listed, but here we will be adding the outer planets plus the Equator of the Sun and the Invariable Plane of the solar system, although they are not traditional centers of energy. And we will list the chakras not in their traditional sequence, but with the most active for you listed first and moving downward from there.

Jupiter: Career Chakra - 6 Contacts



Jupiter or Career (Svadhithana Chakra)

Jupiter marks out our Life Path, our career, literally the way we go through life. Jupiter inclined to another planet always shows a way through or onward, the path through the obstacles, and a problem solved, while disinclinations point to dead ends and problems not-solved.

Jupiter, named 'Guru' in Sanskrit, is just that: our guru or guide through the thickets of life, our particular life path or vocation - career. Jupiter is how we succeed, the planet of success, and success here means simple succession or continuing, how we will be able to continue. Jupiter is said to be the key to Saturn, how each of us will find our way through the limitations and laws life lays on us. It is our personal dharma path, how we will solve the problems and obstacles that life brings. Jupiter is the way we go through life, our way to go. Your personal contacts with this chakra (if any) are listed here.

- Great Problem Solver
- Independent Career
- Career Not of Words or Ideas
- Self-Centered Career
- Career Evaluating or Appraising
- Career Not of Words or Ideas

Mercury: Mental Chakra - 5 Contacts



Mercury or Mind (Ajna Chakra)

Mercury has to do with our mind and how we use it, as in thinking, writing, speaking, and communication in general of all sorts. Any planet at an Interface point to Mercury (inclined or disinclined) will be involving mental processes of one form or another. Here is the traditional description of Mercury.

Mercury is pure awareness, called 'Buddha' (Awareness) in Sanskrit, the light in our eyes, the ever-changing consciousness within us that moves from idea to idea. Therefore Mercury represents the Mind and all ideas, the thoughts we have, and mental processes, in general. Mercury rules not only our thoughts, but also how they travel, meaning all manner of communications, whether by phone, letter, email, spoken conversations - what have you? And finally, Mercury rules the wires, waves, cables, and connections that communications travel through to reach us. Your personal contacts with this chakra (if any) are listed here.

- Use Words with Force
- Career Not of Words or Ideas
- Spiritual Ideas of No Interest
- Unstable Words and Ideas
- Career Not of Words or Ideas

Uranus or Insight Center - 3 Contacts



Uranus (Insight and Independence)

The planet Uranus, when inclined to another planet, brings a way out or through, often a break-through or a break-out of whatever binds us. When disinclined, Uranus can't figure any way out or beyond, as in no idea or insights at all.

Uranus is how each of us gets some independence from the routine of our everyday existence, how we break out, and are able to see things differently. It rules all manner of discovery, invention, and insight, in particular: finding new uses for old things. Uranus marches to the beat of a different drummer, and therefore rules all that is unusual, eccentric, and off the beaten paths. It goes against convention and the status quo, and favors difference and variety, whatever is unconventional. Your personal contacts with this chakra (if any) are listed here.

- Not Moved to Be Different
- Independent Career
- Not Moved to Be Different

Venus: Love/Values Chakra - 2 Contacts



Venus or Love (Visuddha Chakra)

Venus is the first planet inside of Earth toward the Sun center, so it refers to something inner and inside us, like traditionally love and compassion, which translates pragmatically also to acquisition, appraisal, evaluation, and to all the finer things in life that we can measure, like beauty of all kinds.

Venus rules how we love or appreciate how we value things in our life, and therefore our values and sense of values. On the high end, Venus is compassion, the deepest form of appreciation, and on a more mundane level it rules how we appraise, access, and value things around us: a good dinner, a new car, and so on. And how we appreciate is also how we enjoy life, so Venus marks what we enjoy, and just how we like to have a good time. Venus rules our values and sense of appreciation. Your personal contacts with this chakra (if any) are listed here.

- Career Evaluating or Appraising
- Natural Lover

Mars: Ambition Chakra - 2 Contacts



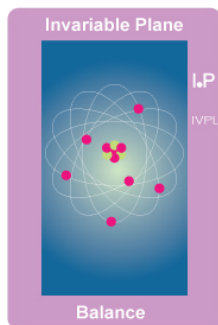
Mars or Ambition (Manipura Chakra)

Mars is the first planet outside Earth's orbit, so it has to do with reaching out and externalization, as in aggression in action. Planets inclined to Mars get an extra push or urge-to connected to them, while Mars disinclined either lacks energy or rubs up against something too hard.

Mars represents ambition, our inner motivation and drive, what urges us on, and keeps us moving forward. Mars is the all about meaning, what things mean, what moves us, and emotional energy and push, in general. Mars carries us beyond ourselves and out into the world, driving us up against things. Mars is also outward aggression and moves us into competition and combat. Ultimately, Mars energy is our search for meaning in our lives, and a deep urge for peace and unity. Mars is sexual energy that ends in marriage, union, and yoga. Your personal contacts with this chakra (if any) are listed here.

- Not Moved to Be Different
- Not Moved to Be Different

Stability: Invariable Plane - 2 Contacts



Invariable Plane (Stability Center)

The Invariable Plane of our solar system, like its name suggests, is a vast unvarying plane that passes through the center of gravity of the solar system and is independent of the mutual perturbations of the planets. It is called 'invariable' because it remains unaltered, regardless of any and all motions within the planetary system. It is a plane through the center of mass, perpendicular to the orbital angular-momentum factor. This factor is made up of the angular momentum arising from planetary orbital revolutions and from axial rotations.

As one planet in our system decreases its eccentricity and inclination (over very long time periods), one or more other orbits must at the same time be increasing their eccentricities and inclinations, whereby the total amount of eccentricity and inclination remains constant. Jupiter and Saturn largely determine the invariable plane, since they are the largest and heaviest of the planets. Needless to say, this is a very consistent (invariable) factor and points to extreme stability. Your personal contacts with this chakra (if any) are listed here.

- Natural Lover
- Unstable Words and Ideas

Earth: Heart Chakra - 1 Contact



Earth or Heart Center (Anahata Chakra)

Earth, the planet you live on, is all about you, yourself, and all that goes along with that concept. An inclination or disinclination involving Earth is far more important (again to 'you') than if it was to involve any two other planets. So, any planets that are inclined or disinclined to Earth should be carefully considered.

The Earth/Sun represents your self or identity, what you look forward to or hope to become in the future, and that which you respect or use as a reference point. In other words, the Sun represents all the changes that still are ahead for you, all of yourself that you have not yet experienced. The Sun, in one's life, is therefore at first usually someone you look up to and respect, often a mentor, teacher, older person - authorities or those more experienced in life - the essence of your future. And as time passes, we move into the Sun and become the Sun ourselves. It burns brightly before us, showing us ourselves as we can or will be, but also too hot for us to endure just at the moment. Your personal contacts with this chakra (if any) are listed here.

- Self-Centered Career

Saturn: Responsibility Chakra - 1 Contact



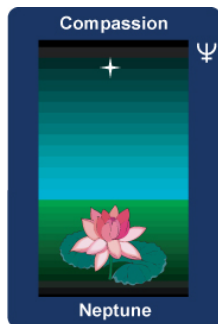
Saturn or Responsibility (Muladhara Chakra)

Saturn presents the obstacle course through which we have to go through if we want to get past the present situation we find ourselves in. An inclination toward Saturn brings organization and definition (for good or ill), while a disinclination brings obstacles and barriers to progress.

Saturn is about the laws and limitations of this material world we all live in. Saturn indicates where we are bound to learn the narrowness that makes our way felt -- the walls that make homes possible. Saturn, the great divider, holds us together as much as it keeps us apart. In many ways, Saturn is said to be the great teacher, the planet that keeps us from getting carried away too far in one direction or another. It will always seek to limit and determine any thought, word or action. Saturn or Satan has been called the prince of the material world. Your personal contacts with this chakra (if any) are listed here.

Great Problem Solver

Neptune: Imagination Center - 1 Contact



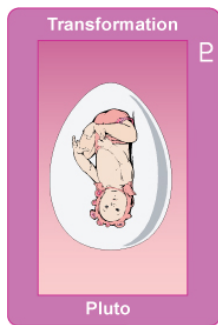
Neptune (Imagination and Spirituality)

Neptune is all about making things whole or one, unity, and an inclination of a planet to Neptune suggests imagination, spiritual sense, and all that is other-worldly in music, art, film, poetry, and what-have-you? A planet disinclined to Neptune points to a lack of imagination and a spiritual desert.

Neptune is the planet of solution, endlessly solving all differences, and finding the unity in life, rather than what separates. It is said to be the higher octave of Venus, and represents compassion and deep acceptance - universal love and union. 'The dewdrop slips into the shining sea.' Neptune always sees the whole picture, the ideal as it should be and could be, rather than how it may be at the present. It is the planet of the imagination and inspiration, and thus relates to film, music, and the arts - wherever the mind can soar. It also rules all things spiritual, whether formal religion or personal dreams and beliefs - the mystic. Your personal contacts with this chakra (if any) are listed here.

Spiritual Ideas of No Interest

Pluto: Control Center - 1 Contact



Pluto (Control and Power)

Pluto is about power and transformation, power to force and the force of transforming ourselves and our lives. Pluto inclined to another planet may bring control by force and certainly power of one sort or another (including the abuse of it), while Pluto disinclined suggests the lack of force, not solving things with power or change.

Pluto somehow manages to skirt past our defenses and touch us deeply, to the very quick, and always wherever we are most sensitive. It can humble us in an instant, and bring on the hour's heartbreak, no matter how we may try to steel ourselves. For this reason, Pluto has been called the planet of transformation and real inner change, our inner alchemist. It is through Pluto moments that we identify with the greater life process itself, and in that experience, we cannot but change, and die to die whatever we have been thinking up to that moment, and are forced to take another look at things. Pluto can be harsh to the extreme, and is also associated with all kinds of force, and the more brutal kinds of truth. Your personal contacts with this chakra (if any) are listed here.

Use Words with Force

Solar Equator: Sun Center - No Contacts

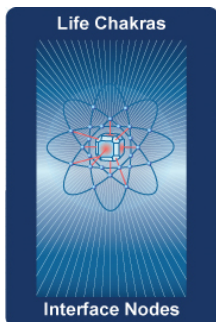
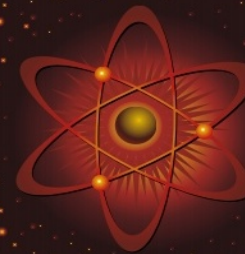


Solar Equator (Sahasrara or Crown Chakra)

In daily-astrology columns in the newspapers we refer to our 'Sun Sign', which is really not about the sun as much as it is about the Earth's relation to the sun, and thus it tells us something about ourselves, who we are, rather than about the Sun itself. When we speak of the Equator of the Sun, we are referring to the Sun itself, the source of all light, warmth, life, and so on. Here the Sun is our deepest self or source, and is always referred to the Crown Chakra, the very highest chakra.

The Equator of the Sun (solar equator) like the Earth's equator, is a fundamental reference plane to which we could refer all planetary motion. The inclination (angle) of the solar equator to the ecliptic (zodiac) is $7^{\circ}15'$ and the longitude of the ascending node to the ecliptic of 1950 is $15^{\circ}04'$ of the tropical sign Gemini. Just as the plane of the Moon determines key events like the eclipses, so the equator of the sun is an important reference point in the solar system. Where that equatorial plane intersects with the plane of the earth's and other planets orbits is something worth noting and considering. Your personal contacts with this chakra (if any) are listed here,

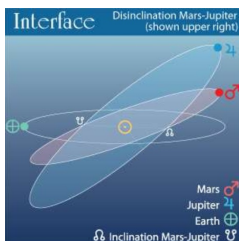
About Interface Points



About the Interface Points

I have been studying and working in astrology for some fifty years now and I was still surprised at the accuracy and depth of the Life Chakras report. Perhaps it is because this report is based on the orientation of the entire solar system to itself, the precise relation of each planetary orbit to the others, their orbital attitude one to another. Like a jewel set in space, all of these angles and attitudes point out how we down on Earth get along or don't get along with our selves and with others. 'Life Chakras' is literally a perfect reflection of the gem-like nature of the solar system. When I began reading the reports of my family I was shocked at how candid they were. My first reaction was that I should not let anyone read these, but this gave way to an appreciation for the information they reveal about what we care and don't care for, our inner attitudes - likes and dislikes.

The diagram below (to scale) shows Mars and Jupiter (each in their orbit) at maximum disinclination to one another. In other words, they are as far from inclination (being in the same plane) as possible. The inclination points are where the two planes (blue and red) intersect, shown by the symbols for ascending and descending nodes. The Earth is also shown. Now imagine all nine planets, each with a different attitude or inclination. This is what we are mapping and interpreting here.



Getting the Most From This Report

I wrote a whole book on this subject back in the early 1970s, now republished in paperback on Amazon.com, called 'Interface: Planetary Nodes.' Let me see if I can give you an idea of why the concept is interesting and perhaps explain why it is so powerful.

Each planet in our solar system orbits the Sun in what is called its orbital plane, but these planes are at different inclinations to one another. They don't share a common plane. In other words, the planetary orbital planes are not naturally inclined one to another, but they do intersect, and every so often a planet will reach an intersection with another planet and simultaneously be in its own plane as well as in the plane of the other planet. It is much like when driving we reach an intersection and can look right or left down a street other than we are actually traveling on.

For example, Mercury may reach the intersection of its orbital plane with that of the planet Mars, and at that time it is in or inclined to the Martian plane. Mercury is the activator and Mars is the plane activated. Both planets are in the same plane, although Mercury is influencing Mars by moving into its plane. Of course, this is all based on the orbits of the planets around the sun-center. To show how interesting this can get, consider the chart of Howard Hughes, who was one of the world's richest men. Hughes had Jupiter in the plane of Venus in his natal chart and of course Venus-Jupiter combinations spell money in traditional astrological interpretation. There is more. Hughes also had Venus (simultaneously) to the plane of Jupiter. Each planet was at the Interface point of the other. That particular combination was one of the signs that first alerted me to the power of the Interface technique. Just think about it, the world's richest man and Venus and Jupiter in reciprocal relation to one another.

The Interface points are the reduction of the complete planetary structure of our solar system to a single set of points (inclinations and their square or non-inclined points) that perfectly represents or reflect that structure, literally a cosmic diamond or gem. These points shine not only in the solar system, but within our own person and life. Lest we forget, the Sun is the source of all light, warmth, and life for us and it shines not only on us from above but, also from within us at the heart or soul level. There is no systematic set of points I am aware of as crucial or fundamental as these orbital elements.

I hope you enjoy your Life Chakra report and find this unique perspective as interesting as I do.